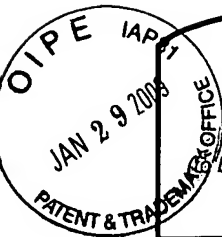


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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2008, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Listing of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this Amendment.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
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